



**AS AN ORGAN DONOR,
YOU CAN SAVE 8 LIVES**



**AND IMPROVE 50 MORE
AS A TISSUE DONOR**



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Donate Life

**CALIFORNIA ORGAN AND TISSUE
DONOR REGISTRY**



In 2010 the California Legislature adopted Senate Bill 1395 which became effective on July 1, 2011. Because of this legislation, driver license application forms in California now include two check boxes specific to organ donation: Box (A) is “Yes, add my name to the donor registry” and Box (B) is “I do not wish to register at this time.” Previously, applicants could simply ignore the question and still have their paperwork processed; it is now mandatory to check one of the two boxes. The addition of these two simple check boxes ensures that people will have to take a moment to think about organ and tissue donation.

Providing the opportunity to sign up as a donor at the same time Californians apply for or renew driver licenses or I.D. cards has resulted in nearly 7,000 DMV customers a day checking the “Yes” box on their DMV forms.

If you check the “Yes” box on your DMV form, your registration is automatically transmitted to the state’s donor registry, Donate Life California, a non-profit 501C3 organization, designated by the state’s four organ-procurement organizations (OPOS) as California’s Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

In 2006, one in five DMV customers was saying “Yes” to organ and tissue donation, while today that number has increased to one in three.



AS OF MAY 2012, MORE THAN 9,100,000 CALIFORNIANS HAVE REGISTERED.

An electronic imprint will be embedded in your driver license or id card.

YOUR NAME WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY ADDED TO THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA REGISTRY, ENSURING THAT YOUR WISH TO SAVE LIVES WILL BE HONORED.

- Your decision to become an organ donor can save up to eight lives.
- You can enhance another 50 lives through tissue donation.
- More than 21,000 Californians (20% nationwide) are on the waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant.
- One out of three people will die due to a lack of life-saving donors.
- Less than 1% of the 250,000 people who die each year qualify as potential organ donors.
- Strict medical criteria must be met in order for organ donation to take place.
- Time for a successful transplant is extremely limited.

The organ and tissue donor registry, accessible to all Californians via the Internet and the Department of Motor Vehicles, will help to quickly, succinctly and accurately identify those Californians who have made the decision to save lives.

More information on organ and tissue donation can be found by visiting any of the following websites:

■ **Department of Motor Vehicles**
www.dmv.ca.gov
Telephone: 800-777-0133
Hearing Impaired: TTY: 800-368-4327

■ **Donate Life California**
www.donateLIFecalifornia.org
Spanish: www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org
Telephone: 866-797-2366

■ **California Transplant Donor Network**
www.ctdn.org
Telephone: 888-570-9400
Spanish: 800-588-0024
Vietnamese: 800-564-0068
24 Hr. Donor Referral Line: 800-55-DONOR